AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilisation of amount for infrastructure of the National Games at Manipur

1840. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided for construction of infrastructure for the Fifth National Games at Manipur;

(b) whether Government are aware that the State Government has spent from the State Development fund which has greatly affected the State development programme;

(c) if so, whether there is any plan to reimburse it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Funds amounting Rs. 60.64 crore have been made available by the Central Government for construction of infrastructure for the Fifth National Games in Manipur.

(b) to (d) Details of the expenditure incurred by the State Government on holding the National Games are awaited and the question of reimbursement, if necessary, would only arise thereafter.

Infrastructure Development Plan for North-East

1841. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is not any committed plan during the present Government for the North-east States to cope with the infrastructure development plan of the area like that of the previous Prime Minister;

(b) if so, when it will be taken-up; and

(c) if not how the great gaps of average incomes of North-eastern States from the National average can be filled up in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The development issues of the North Eastern States and Sikkim were discussed in a Meeting convened by the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of these States on 8th May, 1998. The further steps to be taken in this regard include the adoption of an approach whereby projects would be identified in consultation, inter-alia, with the State Governments, the setting up of a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for funding specific projects in the North East and Sikkim and restructuring of the North Eastern Council (NEC).

A Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources has since been constituted and funds have been released, the Current financial year, to assist development projects, including in the infrastructure sector, in the North-East.

Resource Crunch in Andhra Pradesh

1842. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has pointed out resource crunch to discharge their duties under the 74th amendment like water supply, sanitation, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and